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Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle (Bombay No. 1)
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From

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of
Bombay, Public Works Department.

To

The Secretary,
The Indian Merchants Chamber,
Lalji Naranji Memorial Indian
Merchants Chamber Building,
Back Bay Reclamation,
Fort, Bombay.

Subject:- Control on building materials.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 4409 dated the 12th/15th. December 1952 addressed to Government in the Civil Supplies Department on the above subject, I am directed to state that so far as iron and steel is concerned the Government of India has adopted a policy of decontrol since the beginning of 1952. In April 1952 the Government of India permitted all Registered Stockholders to dispose of the stocks of iron and steel held by them without permits from the Controlling Authorities which were received in their yard before 1st. January 1952, and which were not covered by permits, in August 1952, categories like heavy structurals were removed from the distribution control. In September 1952 the Registered Stockists were given general permission to dispose of their stocks held by them for a period exceeding sixty days on certain conditions. Again recently in January 1953 the Government of India have announced further relaxations removing the distribution contol on bars, rods and light structurals for the purchase by public from Registered stockists only. The distribution and price control on pipes, tubes and fittings has completely been removed. The categories now under control as so far as general public is concerned are sheets plates and wire as their supply position has not het improved so as to meet the demands adequately. Thus the Government of India is keeping a constant watch on the supply position of steel and relaxations are made wherever permissible.

As regards cement I am to state that for small requirements for monor repairs etc. the stockists are authorised to give without permit one ton of cement per head permonth in Greater Bombay and half a ton in the rest of the state. For the purpose the stockists have been allowed to sell 20% of the stock received by them, under free sale. Moreover if the stocks received by the issue of permits within 30 days from the date of intimations of its arrival to the Joint Rationing Officer (Cement) is constantly watching the situation in respect of t supply of cement and as soon as there is any marked improvement in the situation in respect of the supply of cement, he recommends to Govern ent im consultation with the Regional Honorary Cement Adviser, Bombay for a suitable relaxation. These limits of free sale are thus constantly under revision depending on the supply position from time to time.

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Besides this the Bombay Municipal Corporation is also empowerrd to issue permits for cement to the landlords in Greater Bombay, agaa against the quota allotted to it by Central Governmen , on productio of Municipal notice. Further the Collectors , Mahalkaries and Mamlatdars are authorised to issue permits to a limited extent.

I am to state that any further decontrol is for the Government of India to consider when the situation for it becomes favourable

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary To Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

D. A. - Nil.

Copy forwarded to-

the Rationing Officer (Iron and Steel) Bombay,
the Joint Rationing Officer (Cement), Bombay,

for information.

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